

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2004 Minority Women's Health Summit

***Women of Color Taking Action for a Healthier Life:
Progress, Partnerships and Possibilities***

August 12 - 15, 2004

JW Marriott Hotel

1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Deadline for Abstract Submission: April 16, 2004 by 5:00 p.m. EST

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For additional copies, information about exhibiting, please see the conference Web site at

www.4woman.gov/mwhs

Or call 1-800-994-WOMAN (1-800-994-9662)

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Dear Colleague:

You are cordially invited to participate in the “Women of Color Taking Action for a Healthier Life: Progress, Partnership and Possibilities” summit on August 12 – 15, 2004 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. The summit program will focus on the following six objectives:

Explore current prevention strategies that work in various communities, both urban and rural.

Promote dialogue among policy makers, service providers, community women, academia and other stakeholders to address current health care issues for women of color.

Recommend action-oriented strategies to increase positive health outcomes for women of color across the lifespan, from rural and urban communities.

Foster community partnerships to identify and implement best practices that target prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases that disproportionately affect women of color.

Promote strategies to diversify leadership in health sciences, education, research and policy.

Ensure health issues of women of color remain at the forefront of national, state and local health policy agendas.

This is the second summit convened by the Office of Public Health and Science, Office on Women’s Health. The first national Minority Women’s Health Summit in January 1997 attracted more than 700 participants. This summit is expected to draw over 500 participants with diverse backgrounds representing policy makers, public health, health care, academia, research institutions, employers, faith and community advocacy organizations.

The summit conveners wish to develop a diverse and substantive program. Presentations from a wide range of individuals and organizations can help focus and stimulate activities that will be needed to advance the women of color health agenda.

I hope you will share your experiences with others at the national conference.

Sincerely yours,

*Wanda K. Jones, Dr. P.H.
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women’s Health*

The “*Women of Color Taking Action for a Healthier Life: Progress, Partnerships and Possibilities*” Summit will be the second national women of color summit convened by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The summit program will include plenary sessions focusing on national, state, and community collaborations. An important feature of the summit will be the breakout and poster sessions, which will provide an invaluable opportunity for information sharing and networking. Everyone is encouraged to submit an abstract for these sessions. Capitalize on this opportunity to highlight your women of color health related projects. Inform others of your accomplishments, successes, and challenges. Provide people with an opportunity to learn from your experiences.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Text of the abstract must not exceed 250 words or it will be rejected. You can submit more than one abstract, as long as you use a separate “Abstract Submission Form.” The “Abstract Submission Form” is also available by sending a fax request to Elizabeth David at (202) 690-7172.

General Criteria:

The abstracts will be reviewed and scored on the following criteria by a multidisciplinary review committee: relevance - 15 points; significance - 15 points; quality - 15 points; originality - 15 points; clarity - 15 points; and overall presentation - 25 points. Scores will range from 0 to a maximum of 100 points.

Abstracts should focus on one of the six objectives identified.

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Abstracts should focus on one or more of the groups listed below.

Racial/ethnic groups: African-American women, Hispanic American/Latina women, American Indian and Alaska Native women, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian women, African women, and Indian women.

Women who live in rural communities, women with disabilities, older women, younger women, etc. may also be the subjects of the abstract submission.

Abstracts should focus on one or more health topics for the population (s) described.

Priority health topics include:

HIV/AIDS
Cancer
Diabetes
Cardiovascular Disease

Abstract submission focused on one of the four priority health topics is strongly encouraged.

Additional health topics include:

Asthma	hypertension	public health surveillance
behavioral change interventions	infectious disease	reproductive health
breastfeeding	kidney disease	sexual assault
clinical trials	lupus	sexually transmitted diseases
cultural competency	maternal health	smoking
disability	mental health	statistics/data collection
domestic violence	networking	stress
eating disorders	nutrition	substance abuse
environmental health	obesity/overweight	trafficking
health care accessibility	occupational health	violence
health communication	osteoporosis	vision & hearing
health education materials	organ and tissue donation (OTD)	
health intervention programs (general)	partnerships & coalition building	
health policy	physical fitness/activity	
health professionals	pregnancy	
health promotion/disease prevention	prevention research	

Abstract submission is in no way limited to the health topics listed above.

Abstract Submission:

Complete the “Abstract Submission Form” and either fax or email to:

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Phone: (202) 205-0571
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Deadline: Abstracts must be postmarked or received by **Friday, April 16, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. EST**

Notification of Receipt/Acceptance: May 2004 — All submitting authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection of their abstract.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

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When submitting an abstract, please provide a separate form for each speaker. You may submit more than one abstract, but submit each on a separate form. Photocopies of this form are acceptable.

Speaker's Information (All Fields Required):

Full Name: _____
Title: _____ Degree(s): _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Presentation Preference:

- ☐ Breakout Session
☐ Poster Session
☐ Workshop

☐ Individual Presentation

☐ Panel Presentation
(Each proposed panel presenter must submit separate abstracts and speaker information. All proposed panel speakers must submit the same panel title.)
Panel Title: _____

Note: Conference planners reserve the right to cluster presentations or select specific format.

Description of Organization: (Please check one that is most appropriate.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's NGO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Center of Excellence
in Women's Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government | |

Abstract Key Words: You must identify 3 words or phrases that best describe your abstract, e.g., "interactive health communication, HIV/AIDS, preventive services."

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Scholarships: A limited amount of scholarship support will be available. Please follow the directions and complete the Women of Color Health Summit Scholarship Application. The scholarship application can be found at www.4woman.gov/mwhs or via faxing a request to Elizabeth David at (202) 690-7172.

Preparing an Abstract

Type your abstract in the box below. Text of the abstract (not including title or authors) must not exceed 250 words or it will be rejected. Abstract must include information about the objective, background, methods, results, and lessons learned.

1. Title of Presentation: _____

List the speaker and up to 4 coauthors in the following format: Speaker's full name, degree(s), affiliation; coauthor 1's full name, degree(s), affiliation; coauthor 2's full name, degree(s), affiliation; etc.

2. Speaker/coauthor(s):

3. Abstract:

Objective: Precise statement of the question addressed.

Background: Information about the program/intervention subject area.

Methods: Brief description of the methods used, including data sources, selection procedures, interventions, and methods of analyses.

Results: Description of what was found, with major data (if appropriate).

Lessons Learned: Take-home messages for the audience.

You MUST submit three learning objectives to support continuing education credits for the conference.

4. Learning objectives: In 25 words or less for each, state three learning objectives in terms of what the participant should be able to do after attending the session—not what the presenters will do. Begin each learning objective with a verb (describe, understand, etc.).

Example:

Describe how the state office on women's health collaborated with both private and public sectors to develop a minority women's health diabetes program.

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Acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to the corresponding author via email within one week of receiving the abstract. Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be sent (by email) in May 2004. The program of presentations will be posted on the conference web site shortly after this date.